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1. Many of the companies to be visited conduct trade with the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Some are producers of strategic materials embargoed by the West. Undoubtedly, all of the firms are knowledgeable concerning trade with the Bloc in the goods they produce.

a. Describe Bloc efforts to obtain strategic materials. If possible, details concerning:

(1) Materials desired by Bloc.

(2) Firms used by Bloc to obtain strategic material.

(3) Techniques used in circumventing Western controls.

b. Since these firms are technological leaders in Western Europe:

(1) How do they protect new developments and technical data from being copied by the Bloc?

(2) Are they aware of sensitive technical data being furnished to the Sino-Soviet Bloc? If so, obtain as much detail as possible on such activities, including names of firms and channels employed.

2. The DUNLOP RUBBER COMPANY heads a consortium which is providing the USSR with a modern synthetic tire fabricating plant at Dniepropetrovsk. The following information is desired:

a. Completion date of the Dniepropetrovsk plant.

b. Additional plants or parts of plants ordered for either the USSR or Rumania. If possible, the details on equipment and capacity.

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c. Negotiations for or indications of interest in additional tire plants for the Sino-Soviet Bloc. If possible, details on equipment and capacity.

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